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INTRODUCTION

The report covers Phase II - Preliminary Data Analysis, for our Investigation of the Detection and Monitoring of Forest Insect Infestations in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California, through the use of ERTS-1 imagery, Contract NAS5-21770, effective date of June 21, 1972.

RECEIPT OF ERTS-I IMAGERY

Our first date of usable ERTS-1 imagery was our color IR positive transparencies received on December 15, 1972, from our amended Products Standing Order.

CHANGE IN PRODUCT ORDERS

In our original proposal we requested the RBV camera system in bands 1, 2, and 3. Since this system malfunctioned shortly after launch, it was necessary to change our order to the MSS system, bands, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

ACCEPTIBILITY OF THE MSS SYSTEM

Although we have no basis for comparison with RBV we feel that the MSS system will prove satisfactory for detecting insect infestations based upon our preliminary analysis of data.

Since this represented a retrospective order, the delay in the receipt of our ERTS-1 imagery was to be expected.

GROUND TRUTH ACQUISITION

All of our ground truth called for in our original proposal has been acquired on schedule.

DATA ANALYSIS PLAN

There has been no major change in our original data analysis plan outlined in our original proposal, and except for delay in the receipt of ERTS-1 imagery, our program has proceeded on our planned schedlue.

Respectfully submitted,

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